

# MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - MAY, 1961

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## POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31.3.1961

Metropolitan at 31.12.1960

Males - 381,050 Females - 361,592 Persons - 742,642

Persons - 400,000

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

| Particulars          | APRIL  |         |        |         | Four Months ended APRIL |         |        |         |
|----------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
|                      | 1961   |         | 1960   |         | 1961                    |         | 1960   |         |
|                      | Number | Rate(a) | Number | Rate(a) | Number                  | Rate(a) | Number | Rate(a) |
| Marriages            | 522    | 8.55    | 467    | 7.83    | 2,032                   | 8.33    | 1,941  | 8.07    |
| Births               | 1,340  | 21.94   | 1,275  | 21.37   | 5,739                   | 23.53   | 5,320  | 22.12   |
| Deaths               | 388    | 6.35    | 407    | 6.82    | 1,825                   | 7.48    | 1,653  | 6.87    |
| Infant Mortality (b) | 17     | 12.69   | 29     | 22.75   | 94                      | 16.38   | 120    | 22.56   |

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

## TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

| Item       | IMPORTS |        |                        |         | EXPORTS<br>(including Ships' Stores) |       |                        |         |
|------------|---------|--------|------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|---------|
|            | APRIL   |        | Ten Months ended APRIL |         | APRIL                                |       | Ten Months ended APRIL |         |
|            | 1961    | 1960   | 1961                   | 1960    | 1961                                 | 1960  | 1961                   | 1960    |
|            | £'000   | £'000  | £'000                  | £'000   | £'000                                | £'000 | £'000                  | £'000   |
| Oversea    | 5,002   | 4,414  | 46,294                 | 37,891  | 10,237                               | 7,479 | 134,727                | 98,522  |
| Interstate | 10,204  | 7,896  | 96,280                 | 96,919  | 5,005                                | 2,270 | 36,023                 | 29,117  |
| Total:     | 15,206  | 12,310 | 142,574                | 134,810 | 15,242                               | 9,749 | 170,750                | 127,639 |

### LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the five months ended May, 1961, totalled 309,298 acres, an increase of 33,692 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 3,711,374 acres, an increase of 1,961,687 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1960.

### STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

| Item                               | MAY       |           | Eleven Months ended MAY |            |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
|                                    | 1961      | 1960      | 1961                    | 1960       |
|                                    | £.        | £.        | £.                      | £.         |
| Revenue                            | 7,063,554 | 6,372,680 | 60,404,472              | 56,049,936 |
| Revenue per Head of Population     | 9. 9. 9   | 8. 14. 10 | 81. 18. 1               | 77. 7. 8   |
| Expenditure                        | 5,817,725 | 5,318,451 | 63,776,108              | 58,903,766 |
| Expenditure per Head of Population | 7. 16. 3  | 7. 5. 11  | 86. 9. 6                | 81. 6. 5   |

### SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of May, 1961 amounted to £79,181,737 or £106-5-8 per head of population as against £76,800,536 or £105-5-7 per head at the end of May, 1960.

### BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the five weeks ended 31st May, 1961, amounted to £23,981,079 compared with £22,265,619 for the corresponding period last year.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

| Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds |     | MAY       |           | Eleven Months ended MAY |            |
|---|-----|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
|   |     | 1961      | 1960      | 1961                    | 1960       |
| Transfers   | No. | 1,859     | 2,030     | 20,447                  | 19,947     |
|   | £.  | 3,601,806 | 4,342,449 | 38,402,028              | 36,205,721 |
| Mortgages   | No. | 1,150     | 1,588     | 13,946                  | 15,074     |
|   | £.  | 3,472,538 | 3,698,306 | 32,330,741              | 34,000,048 |
| Discharges of Mortgages                                       | No. | 1,192     | 1,187     | 11,377                  | 11,776     |

### SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

| Period of Receipt of Returns  | Taxable Goods                                  |  | Sales of Exempt Goods | Tax Collected |
|-------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|---------------|
|                               | Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net) | Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross) |                       |               |
|                               | £.   | £.   | £.                    | £.            |
| May, 1961                     | 4,929,382                                      | 3,636,136  | 14,223,904            | 807,941       |
| May, 1960                     | 5,055,665                                      | 4,031,049  | 11,527,576            | 803,386       |
| Eleven Months ended May, 1961 | 53,789,163                                     | 42,978,799   | 140,374,289           | 8,753,435     |
| Eleven Months ended May, 1960 | 49,254,066                                     | 37,607,625   | 123,815,473           | 7,910,550     |

### COMPANIES REGISTERED

344 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £23,611,500 and 146 Foreign Companies were registered during the eleven months ended May, 1961. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 303 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £16,227,800 and 138 Foreign Companies.

### BANKRUPTCY

| Item   | Eleven Months ended MAY |                   |              |      |                   |              |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------|-------------------|--------------|
|  | 1961                    |                   |              | 1960 |                   |              |
|  | No.                     | Liabilities<br>£. | Assets<br>£. | No.  | Liabilities<br>£. | Assets<br>£. |
| Sequestration Orders                                     | 119                     | 246,239           | 80,307       | 109  | 303,239           | 82,558       |
| Compositions, Assignments<br>and Deeds of Arrangement(a) | 69                      | 249,433           | 203,964      | 74   | 240,370           | 270,684      |

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

### TRANSPORT

(Operations of the State Government Railways open for General and Passenger traffic, including Railway Road Service).

| Item                           | APRIL       |            | Ten Months ended<br>APRIL |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------|
|                                | 1961        | 1960       | 1961                      | 1960        |
| Gross Earnings £.              | 1,381,500   | 1,267,300  | 13,425,000                | 12,336,900  |
| Operating Expenses £.          | 1,181,437   | 1,205,490  | 12,779,378                | 12,678,946  |
| Train Miles Run No.            | 622,381     | 649,084    | 6,417,976                 | 6,633,028   |
| Motor Bus Miles Run No.        | (a) 109,877 | (b) 91,131 | (c) 1,113,862             | (d) 954,923 |
| <u>Passenger Journeys -</u>    |             |            |                           |             |
| Train No.                      | 900,413     | 1,013,650  | 10,452,143                | 11,533,374  |
| Motor Bus No.                  | 19,737      | 20,889     | 222,714                   | 217,115     |
| <u>Tonnage Carried -</u>       |             |            |                           |             |
| Paying Goods                   | 403,174     | 387,002    | 3,755,773                 | 3,635,245   |
| Livestock                      | 7,360       | 9,064      | 120,132                   | 138,321     |
| Departmental<br>(Free Freight) | 38,999      | 33,914     | 426,093                   | 515,817     |
| Total:                         | 449,533     | 429,980    | 4,301,998                 | 4,289,383   |
| <u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>     |             |            |                           |             |
| Paying Goods                   | 65,377,678  | 59,708,812 | 588,080,851               | 563,335,685 |
| Livestock                      | 748,287     | 1,145,304  | 16,274,815                | 17,993,066  |
| Departmental<br>(Free Freight) | 4,000,378   | 3,078,140  | 43,264,172                | 47,847,072  |
| Total:                         | 70,126,343  | 63,932,256 | 647,619,838               | 629,175,823 |

- (a) Four weeks ended 25th March.
- (b) Four weeks ended 26th March.
- (c) Period 1st July to 25th March.
- (d) Period 1st July to 26th March.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

| Period    | Metropolitan Traffic Area |                |                         |       |              | Whole State (a) |                |                         |       |              |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|
|           | Cars                      | Station Wagons | Utilities, Vans, Trucks | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars            | Station Wagons | Utilities, Vans, Trucks | Buses | Motor Cycles |
| 1956      | 5,219                     | 97             | 1,759                   | 24    | 724          | 9,067           | 169            | 4,413                   | 85    | 1,057        |
| 1957      | 5,639                     | 228            | 1,856                   | 35    | 1,007        | 9,865           | 370            | 4,385                   | 71    | 1,447        |
| 1958      | 5,794                     | 762            | 1,942                   | 15    | 1,306        | 9,548           | 1,290          | 4,784                   | 43    | 1,860        |
| 1959      | 5,957                     | 1,205          | 2,454                   | 20    | 1,615        | 9,785           | 1,962          | 5,684                   | 55    | 2,187        |
| 1960      | 8,172                     | 1,774          | 2,403                   | 27    | 1,053        | 12,713          | 2,951          | 5,655                   | 66    | 1,470        |
| 1960 -    |                           |                |                         |       |              |                 |                |                         |       |              |
| April     | 610                       | 121            | 157                     | 3     | 85           | 945             | 216            | 401                     | 8     | 114          |
| May       | 635                       | 158            | 212                     | 1     | 76           | 970             | 268            | 474                     | 3     | 102          |
| June      | 712                       | 175            | 208                     | 3     | 60           | 1,086           | 261            | 444                     | 5     | 98           |
| July      | 635                       | 161            | 200                     | 2     | 57           | 1,019           | 244            | 494                     | 4     | 85           |
| August    | 812                       | 199            | 218                     | 3     | 71           | 1,159           | 307            | 500                     | 8     | 104          |
| September | 873                       | 128            | 236                     | -     | 79           | 1,375           | 210            | 526                     | 4     | 112          |
| October   | 847                       | 153            | 254                     | 3     | 65           | 1,321           | 236            | 562                     | 5     | 94           |
| November  | 869                       | 217            | 224                     | 4     | 55           | 1,336           | 370            | 587                     | 5     | 94           |
| December  | 517                       | 137            | 170                     | 1     | 60           | 901             | 284            | 444                     | 5     | 88           |
| 1961 -    |                           |                |                         |       |              |                 |                |                         |       |              |
| January   | 409                       | 106            | 123                     | -     | 67           | 607             | 193            | 327                     | 2     | 103          |
| February  | 523                       | 170            | 183                     | 1     | 62           | 762             | 255            | 369                     | 10    | 94           |
| March     | 718                       | 231            | 198                     | -     | 65           | 1,028           | 357            | 414                     | 4     | 99           |
| April     | 541                       | 140            | 204                     | -     | 41           | 810             | 230            | 418                     | 4     | 61           |

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

| Date (as at end of Month) | Metropolitan Traffic Area       |                         |       |              | Whole State (a)                 |                         |       |              |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|
|                           | Cars (including Station Wagons) | Utilities, Vans, Trucks | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars (including Station Wagons) | Utilities, Vans, Trucks | Buses | Motor Cycles |
| 1957 -                    |                                 |                         |       |              |                                 |                         |       |              |
| June                      | 65,013                          | 24,354                  | 560   | 8,770        | 103,788                         | 64,806                  | 1,204 | 13,146       |
| December                  | 67,315                          | 24,209                  | 592   | 8,389        | 107,052                         | 64,236                  | 1,234 | 12,599       |
| 1958 -                    |                                 |                         |       |              |                                 |                         |       |              |
| June                      | 69,414                          | 24,217                  | 553   | 8,580        | 110,573                         | 65,046                  | 1,190 | 12,827       |
| December                  | 73,190                          | 24,908                  | 545   | 8,759        | 114,685                         | 65,582                  | 1,177 | 12,935       |
| 1959 -                    |                                 |                         |       |              |                                 |                         |       |              |
| June                      | 75,203                          | 25,222                  | 584   | 9,080        | 118,112                         | 66,617                  | 1,213 | 13,411       |
| December                  | 78,759                          | 25,955                  | 571   | 9,416        | 123,293                         | 68,017                  | 1,191 | 13,559       |
| 1960 -                    |                                 |                         |       |              |                                 |                         |       |              |
| June                      | 81,636                          | 26,058                  | 554   | 9,422        | 127,863                         | 69,131                  | 1,194 | 13,609       |
| December                  | 86,582                          | 26,507                  | 561   | 9,068        | 134,220                         | 70,320                  | 1,220 | 13,097       |
| 1961 -                    |                                 |                         |       |              |                                 |                         |       |              |
| January                   | 87,687                          | 26,677                  | 563   | 9,082        | 133,760                         | 68,933                  | 1,105 | 12,948       |
| February                  | 87,944                          | 26,641                  | 566   | 9,052        | 134,671                         | 69,557                  | 1,220 | 12,882       |
| March                     | 88,504                          | 26,615                  | 563   | 9,034        | 136,141                         | 70,148                  | 1,223 | 12,999       |
| April                     | 89,144                          | 26,849                  | 562   | 8,968        | 136,047                         | 69,615                  | 1,219 | 12,653       |

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.



BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

| Period              | Dwellings   |       |                            |        | Factories |       | Other |        | Total  |        |
|---------------------|-------------|-------|----------------------------|--------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|                     | Owner-Built |       | By Contractors<br>etc. (a) |        |           |       |       |        |        |        |
|                     | No.         | Value | No.                        | Value  | No.       | Value | No.   | Value  | No.    | Value  |
|                     |             | £'000 |                            | £'000  |           | £'000 |       | £'000  |        | £'000  |
| 1951                | 1,913       | 2,835 | 4,137                      | 6,969  | 40        | 459   | 433   | 986    | 6,523  | 11,249 |
| 1952                | 2,883       | 5,824 | 4,946                      | 11,201 | 63        | 667   | 604   | 2,242  | 8,496  | 19,934 |
| 1953                | 2,988       | 7,219 | 4,839                      | 12,624 | 84        | 817   | 714   | 3,657  | 8,625  | 24,317 |
| 1954                | 3,127       | 8,255 | 5,044                      | 13,491 | 111       | 1,544 | 844   | 5,015  | 9,126  | 28,305 |
| 1955                | 2,788       | 8,194 | 6,422                      | 18,091 | 129       | 3,405 | 933   | 6,900  | 10,272 | 36,590 |
| 1956                | 1,921       | 5,708 | 4,773                      | 13,508 | 97        | 946   | 923   | 7,359  | 7,714  | 27,521 |
| 1957                | 1,401       | 4,086 | 4,748                      | 13,680 | 100       | 1,110 | 714   | 6,450  | 6,963  | 25,326 |
| 1958                | 1,371       | 3,884 | 4,638                      | 13,978 | 146       | 1,851 | 714   | 10,735 | 6,869  | 30,448 |
| 1959                | 1,452       | 3,880 | 4,657                      | 14,134 | 138       | 986   | 731   | 9,376  | 6,978  | 28,376 |
| 1960                | 1,103       | 3,013 | 5,363                      | 16,859 | 161       | 2,224 | 814   | 11,797 | 7,441  | 33,893 |
| 1961 -<br>March Qr. | 284         | 781   | 1,220                      | 3,910  | 32        | 224   | 203   | 3,564  | 1,739  | 8,479  |

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

| Period              | Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls |                |                           |                |   |                |       |                |       |                |
|---------------------|---|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|---|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|
|                     | Brick, Stone,<br>Cement,<br>etc.                                    |                | Wood<br>or<br>Mainly Wood |                | Fibro-Cement<br>or Mainly<br>Fibro-Cement |                | Other |                | Total |                |
|                     | No.   | Value<br>£'000 | No.                       | Value<br>£'000 | No.                                       | Value<br>£'000 | No.   | Value<br>£'000 | No.   | Value<br>£'000 |
| 1951                | 2,155   | 4,560          | 453                       | 525            | 2,933                                     | 4,241          | 190   | 218            | 5,731 | 9,544          |
| 1952                | 3,006   | 8,097          | 745                       | 1,609          | 3,844                                     | 6,678          | 135   | 263            | 7,730 | 16,647         |
| 1953                | 2,676   | 8,417          | 976                       | 2,657          | 3,966                                     | 8,277          | 24    | 54             | 7,642 | 19,405         |
| 1954                | 2,865   | 9,767          | 214                       | 530            | 4,823                                     | 10,833         | 4     | 4              | 7,906 | 21,134         |
| 1955                | 3,268   | 11,775         | 225                       | 621            | 5,271                                     | 12,614         | 8     | 17             | 8,772 | 25,027         |
| 1956                | 3,017   | 10,491         | 62                        | 175            | 2,964                                     | 6,864          | 4     | 9              | 6,047 | 17,539         |
| 1957                | 3,773   | 12,159         | 28                        | 67             | 2,139                                     | 4,890          | 6     | 9              | 5,946 | 17,125         |
| 1958                | 3,764   | 12,501         | 41                        | 115            | 1,935                                     | 4,547          | 3     | 4              | 5,743 | 17,167         |
| 1959                | 3,762   | 12,327         | 28                        | 58             | 2,066                                     | 4,780          | 6     | 13             | 5,862 | 17,178         |
| 1960                | 4,582   | 14,972         | 21                        | 60             | 1,573                                     | 3,911          | 5     | 7              | 6,181 | 18,950         |
| 1961 -<br>March Qr. | 985   | 3,445          | 1                         | 1              | 336                                       | 840            | 2     | 3              | 1,324 | 4,289          |

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

| Item   |          | APRIL     |           | Four Months ended<br>APRIL |           |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|
|  |          | 1961      | 1960      | 1961                       | 1960      |
| Quantity                                       | Fine oz. | 81,348    | 74,129    | 282,960                    | 274,918   |
| Value (Aust. Currency)                         | £.       | 1,271,067 | 1,158,262 | 4,421,252                  | 4,295,587 |
| Dividends reported by<br>Gold Mining Companies | £.       | -         | -         | 319,144                    | 265,144   |

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

| Period           | Group |                            |         |   |                         | Com-<br>bined<br>Index |
|------------------|-------|----------------------------|---------|---|-------------------------|------------------------|
|                  | Food  | Clothing<br>and<br>Drapery | Housing | Household<br>Supplies<br>and<br>Equipment | Mis-<br>cellan-<br>eous |                        |
| Year ended June: |       |                            |         |   |                         |                        |
| 1958             | 114.4 | 105.7                      | 126.0   | 105.7                                     | 118.3                   | 113.6                  |
| 1959             | 115.2 | 107.2                      | 130.3   | 105.9                                     | 118.7                   | 114.7                  |
| 1960             | 118.4 | 108.2                      | 133.5   | 107.1                                     | 120.9                   | 116.9                  |
| Quarters:        |       |                            |         |   |                         |                        |
| 1960 - March     | 118.4 | 108.0                      | 134.2   | 107.4                                     | 121.2                   | 117.1                  |
| June             | 121.6 | 109.6                      | 135.6   | 107.0                                     | 123.3                   | 119.0                  |
| September        | 122.9 | 109.8                      | 137.0   | 107.4                                     | 123.7                   | 119.8                  |
| December         | 122.9 | 110.8                      | 141.6   | 107.3                                     | 125.6                   | 120.8                  |
| 1961 - March     | 125.3 | 110.9                      | 143.5   | 107.4                                     | 125.8                   | 121.9                  |

Note: For current Statistical purposes the Consumer Index supersedes the "C" Series Retail Price Index formerly shown in this publication.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December, 1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

| Month        | Males | Females | Persons | Month                | Males | Females | Persons |
|--------------|-------|---------|---------|----------------------|-------|---------|---------|
| <u>1959:</u> |       |         |         | <u>1960 (cont.):</u> |       |         |         |
| May          | 140.2 | 47.3    | 187.5   | May                  | 141.5 | 49.4    | 190.9   |
| June         | 140.0 | 47.0    | 187.0   | June                 | 141.7 | 49.2    | 190.9   |
| July         | 140.4 | 47.1    | 187.5   | July                 | 141.9 | 49.3    | 191.2   |
| August       | 140.2 | 47.0    | 187.2   | August               | 142.7 | 49.8    | 192.5   |
| September    | 140.8 | 47.3    | 188.1   | September            | 143.1 | 50.2    | 193.3   |
| October      | 141.2 | 47.7    | 188.9   | October              | 143.2 | 50.4    | 193.6   |
| November     | 141.3 | 48.1    | 189.4   | November             | 143.7 | 50.6    | 194.3   |
| December     | 141.1 | 48.2    | 189.3   | December             | 143.5 | 51.1    | 194.6   |
| <u>1960:</u> |       |         |         | <u>1961:</u>         |       |         |         |
| January      | 141.1 | 47.4    | 188.5   | January              | 142.7 | 50.0    | 192.7   |
| February     | 141.6 | 48.5    | 190.1   | February             | 143.2 | 50.4    | 193.6   |
| March        | 141.8 | 48.9    | 190.7   | March                | 142.9 | 50.4    | 193.3   |
| April        | 141.4 | 48.9    | 190.3   | April                | 143.1 | 50.5    | 193.6   |

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

| Month     | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| January   | 237  | 241  | 232  | 231  | 229  | 234  | 241  |
| February  | 240  | 241  | 235  | 233  | 231  | 237  | 241  |
| March     | 242  | 240  | 236  | 234  | 233  | 238  | 239  |
| April     | 243  | 239  | 234  | 233  | 233  | 237  | 239  |
| May       | 242  | 238  | 234  | 230  | 232  | 238  |      |
| June      | 239  | 235  | 231  | 228  | 229  | 237  |      |
| July      | 238  | 231  | 229  | 229  | 231  | 237  |      |
| August    | 239  | 230  | 229  | 229  | 232  | 239  |      |
| September | 241  | 233  | 232  | 230  | 233  | 241  |      |
| October   | 241  | 233  | 232  | 232  | 234  | 241  |      |
| November  | 243  | 233  | 233  | 231  | 235  | 242  |      |
| December  | 242  | 232  | 232  | 231  | 235  | 240  |      |

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE

| Date<br>of<br>Operation | Metropolitan<br>Area |          | South-West<br>Land Division |          | Goldfields and<br>Rest of State |           |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|-----------|
|                         | Male                 | Female   | Male                        | Female   | Male                            | Female    |
|                         | £. s. d.             | £. s. d. | £. s. d.                    | £. s. d. | £. s. d.                        | £. s. d.  |
| 1/5/61                  | 14. 19. 3            | 11. 4. 5 | 14. 17. 8                   | 11. 3. 3 | 14. 12. 0                       | 10. 19. 0 |

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

| Period                      | Cattle  | Calves | Sheep     | Lambs   | Pigs    |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|---------|
| April, 1961                 | 11,431  | 1,366  | 134,602   | 43,002  | 13,831  |
| April, 1960                 | 13,087  | 1,901  | 150,820   | 50,767  | 12,305  |
| 10 Months ended April, 1961 | 145,602 | 15,282 | 1,471,169 | 850,656 | 159,171 |
| 10 Months ended April, 1960 | 170,934 | 22,313 | 1,564,609 | 749,345 | 141,647 |

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

| Period                      | Beef   | Veal | Mutton | Lamb   | Pork(a) |
|-----------------------------|--------|------|--------|--------|---------|
| April, 1961                 | 2,332  | 53   | 2,564  | 610    | 747     |
| April, 1960                 | 2,517  | 73   | 2,704  | 695    | 662     |
| 10 Months ended April, 1961 | 30,783 | 634  | 28,236 | 12,221 | 8,669   |
| 10 Months ended April, 1960 | 34,741 | 901  | 28,186 | 10,373 | 7,568   |

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

| Period                     | Non-Casualty Accidents (a) |             | Casualty Accidents |             | Total Accidents(a) |             | Persons Killed |             | Persons Injured |             |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
|                            | Metro-politan              | Whole State | Metro-politan      | Whole State | Metro-politan      | Whole State | Metro-politan  | Whole State | Metro-politan   | Whole State |
| 1956                       | 5,866                      | 7,961       | 2,161              | 3,036       | 8,027              | 10,997      | 102            | 182         | 2,653           | 3,889       |
| 1957                       | 6,150                      | 8,343       | 2,244              | 3,220       | 8,394              | 11,563      | 87             | 152         | 2,733           | 4,068       |
| 1958                       | 6,614                      | 8,691       | 2,412              | 3,451       | 9,026              | 12,142      | 80             | 183         | 2,990           | 4,478       |
| 1959                       | 6,349                      | 8,492       | 2,474              | 3,521       | 8,823              | 12,013      | 86             | 171         | 3,135           | 4,624       |
| 1960                       | 7,180                      | 9,559       | 2,598              | 3,713       | 9,778              | 13,272      | 94             | 199         | 3,289           | 4,862       |
| 4 Months ended April, 1960 | 2,099                      | 2,831       | 878                | 1,206       | 2,977              | 4,037       | 32             | 66          | 1,089           | 1,565       |
| 4 Months ended April, 1961 | 1,270                      | 1,848       | 790                | 1,165       | 2,060              | 3,013       | 28             | 64          | 1,020           | 1,587       |
| 1961 -                     |                            |             |                    |             |                    |             |                |             |                 |             |
| January                    | 291                        | 442         | 190                | 277         | 481                | 719         | 6              | 10          | 261             | 396         |
| February                   | 316                        | 442         | 181                | 266         | 497                | 708         | 6              | 12          | 234             | 362         |
| March                      | 329                        | 479         | 215                | 331         | 544                | 810         | 5              | 20          | 272             | 440         |
| April                      | 334                        | 485         | 204                | 291         | 538                | 776         | 11             | 22          | 253             | 389         |

(a) Non-casualty accidents from 1956 to 1960 exclude those where damage was estimated to be £10 or less; from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

| Item             | Unit                  | 1960    |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 1961    |         |         |            |         |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|---------|
|                  |                       | May     | June    | July    | Aug.    | Sept.   | Oct.    | Nov.    | Dec.    | Jan.    | Feb.    | Mar.    | Apr.       | May     |
| FRUIT            |                       | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.   | s. d.      | s. d.   |
| Lemons           | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.   | 10. 6   | 10. 5   | 9. 7    | 8. 4    | 9. 5    | 11. 7   | 13. 1   | 16. 6   | 18. 6   | 21. 5   | 29. 8   | 18. 1      | 13. 9   |
| Oranges - Navel  | bush.                 | 24. 1   | 20. 7   | 20. 2   | 20. 6   | 25. 6   | 27. 9   | 28. 8   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -          | 34. 1   |
| - Val.           | bush.                 | -       | -       | -       | 18. 8   | 21. 6   | 21. 1   | 20. 8   | 20. 1   | 24. 9   | 26. 5   | 28. 2   | 25. 3      | 25. 2   |
| Bananas - Local  | lb.                   | 1. 2    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -          | -       |
| Apples - G.Smith | bush.                 | 18. 2   | 22. 9   | 27. 7   | 31. 3   | 33. 1   | 34. 4   | 36.10   | 25.11   | -       | -       | 14. 5   | 14.11      | 14. 4   |
| - Other          | bush.                 | 24. 9   | 27. 9   | 40. 3   | 57. 4   | 52. 4   | 54. 8   | 49. 3   | 34. 1   | 19. 1   | 21. 1   | 18.10   | 20. 6      | 21. 2   |
| Pears            | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.   | 18. 0   | 22. 4   | 25. 5   | 29. 5   | -       | -       | -       | -       | 29. 6   | 18. 9   | 18. 6   | 15. 7      | 18. 1   |
| Apricots         | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | 16. 9   | 17. 0   | 25. 4   | -       | -       | -          | -       |
| Nectarines       | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | 24. 9   | 22.10   | -       | -          | -       |
| Plums            | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | 17. 7   | 16. 2   | 12. 2   | -       | -          | -       |
| Peaches          | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | 20. 8   | 16. 4   | 22.10   | 14. 8   | 18. 4   | -          | -       |
| Grapes           | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.   | 28. 7   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | 25. 9   | 28.11   | 23. 3   | 27.10   | 16. 9      | 22. 6   |
| VEGETABLES       |                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |            |         |
| Cabbage          | crate (a)             | 18. 5   | 16. 8   | 6.11    | 4. 9    | 5. 3    | 5.10    | 8. 3    | 5.11    | 6. 5    | 9.10    | 16. 4   | 11. 2      | 7. 6    |
| Cauliflowers     | dozen                 | 19.10   | 15. 4   | 12. 0   | 16.11   | 19.11   | 13. 8   | 16. 9   | 15. 6   | -       | 24. 6   | 20. 2   | 19. 4      | 8. 4    |
| Lettuce          | crate                 | 7. 3    | 6.10    | 9. 5    | 16.10   | 12. 3   | 8.11    | 14.10   | 10. 5   | 15. 3   | 21. 7   | 15. 5   | 6. 4       | 8. 8    |
| Table Celery     | doz.head              | 7. 1    | 5.11    | 5.10    | 6. 7    | 9. 2    | 10. 1   | 14. 1   | 11.10   | 9.11    | 10. 1   | 10. 5   | 10. 8      | 8. 5    |
| Beetroot         | cwt.                  | 42.11   | 54. 7   | 62. 5   | 78. 8   | 81. 7   | 96. 2   | 61.10   | 65.11   | 74. 2   | 92. 8   | 50.10   | 21. 3      | 21. 3   |
| Carrots          | cwt.                  | 18. 8   | 17. 9   | 21. 2   | 21.10   | 19.10   | 26. 1   | 23. 3   | 19.11   | 21.10   | 29. 6   | 43. 5   | 48. 7      | 50. 2   |
| Parsnips         | cwt.                  | 27.11   | 26. 2   | 37. 8   | 35. 5   | 51. 8   | 46. 9   | 48. 1   | 44. 2   | 52. 3   | 66. 6   | 85. 3   | 98. 0      | 120. 6  |
| Turnips          | $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag | 21. 0   | 11.11   | 12. 5   | 8.11    | 5. 5    | 5. 3    | 5. 5    | 4. 8    | 6. 4    | 11. 7   | 11. 0   | 5.10       | 5. 0    |
| Swedes           | cwt.                  | 29. 9   | 22. 5   | 25. 9   | 24. 0   | 27. 0   | 35. 2   | 33. 3   | 22. 2   | 38. 6   | 60. 5   | 75. 7   | 62.11      | 32.11   |
| Runner Beans     | lb.                   | 1. 9    | 1. 6    | 1. 5    | 1. 3    | 1. 2    | 11      | 1. 2    | 6       | 1. 1    | 1. 7    | 1. 8    | 6          | 7       |
| Peas             | lb.                   | 1. 4    | 1. 6    | 1. 9    | 1. 0    | 1. 2    | 7       | 1. 1    | 1. 0    | 1. 5    | 1. 6    | 1. 7    | 1. 5       | 1. 1    |
| Sweet Potatoes   | lb.                   | 4       | 4       | 4       | 4       | 4       | 7       | 6       | 6       | 11      | 7       | 5       | 5          | 3       |
| Pumpkin          | bag                   | 21. 6   | 21. 1   | 22. 5   | 27. 6   | 39. 6   | 44. 5   | 80. 0   | 47. 6   | 25. 6   | 34. 5   | 31. 9   | 30. 3      | 23. 7   |
| Tomatoes         | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.   | 23. 3   | 32. 5   | 28. 4   | 21. 6   | 28. 3   | 47.10   | 40. 6   | 19. 7   | 26. 5   | 27. 0   | 34. 2   | 25. 6      | 28.11   |
|                  |                       | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d. | £. s.d.    | £. s.d. |
| Onions (b)       | ton                   | 60. 0.0 | 60. 0.0 | 52.10.0 | 52.10.0 | (c)     | (c)     | (c)     | 30. 0.0 | 35. 0.0 | 45. 0.0 | 45. 0.0 | 50. 0.0(e) | 55. 0.0 |
| Potatoes (d)     | ton                   | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0 | 37.15.0    | 37.15.0 |

(a) 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(c) Onion Pool closed.

(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.



AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

|               | 1960     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 1961     |          |          |          |          |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|               | May      | June     | July     | Aug.     | Sept.    | Oct.     | Nov.     | Dec.     | Jan.     | Feb.     | Mar.     | Apr.     | May      |
|               | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. |
| <b>SHEEP</b>  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Suckers       | -        | -        | 3.17. 1  | 3.11.11  | 3. 3.11  | 3. 1. 4  | 2.19. 0  | 3. 2. 8  | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Lambs         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| In Wool       | 4. 7. 0  | 3.19.11  | 3.16. 8  | 3. 9. 6  | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 3.14. 3  | 3.17. 2  | 3.19. 9  |
| Shorn         | 3. 9. 6  | 3. 2. 4  | 2.17. 7  | -        | -        | 2.12. 1  | 2.15. 9  | 2.17. 5  | 3. 8. 6  | 3.11. 0  | -        | 3.10. 2  | 3. 9. 4  |
| Hoggets       |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| In Wool       | 4. 1. 2  | 3.14. 7  | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 3. 7. 4  | -        | 3.16. 9  |
| Shorn         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 2.16. 6  | 3. 3. 2  | 3. 6. 3  | -        | -        | -        |
| Ewes          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| In Wool       | 3. 6. 8  | 3. 8. 1  | 3. 6. 5  | 2.16. 5  | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 2.15. 9  | 2.16. 7  | 3. 7. 8  |
| Shorn         | 1.19.11  | 2. 8.11  | 2. 3. 9  | 1.19. 0  | 1.15. 0  | 1.15. 8  | 1.18. 4  | 2. 3. 7  | 2.10. 4  | 2.10.11  | 2. 2. 3  | 1.18. 6  | 2. 6. 9  |
| Wethers       |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| In Wool       | 3.14.11  | 3.16.11  | 3.13. 9  | 3. 0. 4  | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 3. 4. 6  | 3. 5. 4  | 3.18. 2  |
| Shorn         | 2.10. 7  | 2.14. 0  | 2.10. 4  | 2. 5. 6  | 2. 4.11  | 2. 6. 4  | 2. 6.11  | 2.11. 3  | 2.19. 2  | 2.19.11  | 2. 9. 4  | 2. 6.10  | 2.11. 6  |
| <b>CATTLE</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Baby Beef     | 40. 8.11 | 42.15. 2 | 41. 4. 3 | 37.10. 9 | 37.18. 9 | 38. 2. 0 | 36.15.10 | 39. 9. 2 | 36. 6. 3 | 36.19. 8 | 38.16. 6 | 40. 9.11 | 43.19.10 |
| Heifers       | 47.10. 0 | 43.10. 2 | -        | 42. 4. 0 | 38. 2. 4 | 43.10. 3 | 39.13. 2 | 41. 0. 0 | -        | -        | 42. 7.11 | 44.16. 1 | -        |
| Cows          | 56. 5.11 | 50.16. 5 | 48.12. 9 | 48. 7. 8 | 49. 2.11 | 49.10.11 | 48.12. 7 | 49.14. 2 | 49.10. 6 | 51.16. 8 | 55. 6. 3 | 54. 0. 6 | 53.18. 8 |
| Steers        | 53.12. 6 | 52.13. 4 | 49. 9. 6 | 50. 6. 4 | 51. 8. 1 | 52. 7.10 | 52. 0. 5 | 51.12. 3 | 51.14. 8 | 53.17. 7 | 55. 7. 6 | 57. 6. 2 | 57.13. 5 |
| Bullocks      | 61.17. 9 | 60.10.11 | 61. 5. 1 | 60.16. 9 | 60.13.11 | 62. 6. 1 | 60.16. 7 | 66. 7. 6 | -        | -        | -        | -        | 62.12. 8 |
| <b>PIGS</b>   |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Slips         | 5. 8. 4  | 6.11. 1  | -        | 6.19. 9  | 7. 6. 8  | -        | 5. 9.11  | 6. 6. 8  | -        | 4.16. 9  | -        | -        | -        |
| Porkers       | 10.17. 5 | 11.10. 4 | 11. 0. 2 | 11.11. 0 | 11. 9.10 | 11.17. 1 | 11. 3.10 | 10.19. 7 | 9.17.11  | 10. 3.10 | 9.11.11  | 9.17.11  | 10. 0. 1 |
| Baconers      | 16. 3. 2 | 16.14. 1 | 16.18. 1 | 17. 3. 5 | 16.18. 2 | 17. 7. 0 | 16.10. 3 | 16. 1. 9 | 16. 3. 2 | 15. 5. 5 | 15. 3. 6 | 15. 8. 5 | 15. 7. 3 |

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

|             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Turkey Hens | 2.10 | 2. 9 | 2.10 | 2. 9 | 2. 9 | 2.10 | 3. 6 | 3. 9 | -    | 3. 8 | 3. 3 | 2.10 | 2. 9 |
| " Cocks     | 2. 8 | 2. 8 | 2. 8 | 2. 8 | 2. 7 | 2. 7 | 3. 3 | 3. 8 | 3. 1 | -    | 3. 3 | 3. 2 | 2. 9 |
| Ducks       | 2. 3 | 2. 4 | 2. 5 | 2. 6 | -    | 3. 2 | 3. 8 | 3. 6 | 2. 8 | 2. 6 | 2. 3 | 2. 2 | 2. 3 |
| Drakes      | 2. 2 | 2. 4 | 2. 4 | 2. 5 | 2.11 | 3. 2 | 3. 9 | 3. 8 | 2.10 | 2. 6 | 2. 3 | 2. 3 | 2. 3 |
| Geese       | 2. 1 | 1.10 | 1. 7 | -    | -    | -    | -    | 2. 9 | -    | 1. 7 | 1. 9 | 1. 7 | 2. 3 |
| Cockerels   | 3. 4 | 3. 4 | 3. 3 | 3. 0 | 2. 8 | 2. 7 | 2. 8 | 3. 0 | 2.10 | 2. 9 | 3. 1 | 2. 9 | 2. 9 |
| Capons      | 3. 6 | 3. 8 | 3. 2 | 3. 0 | 2.10 | 2. 9 | 2.11 | 3. 2 | 2.11 | 2.11 | 3. 2 | 2.10 | 2.10 |
| Hens        | 2. 4 | 2. 6 | 2. 5 | 2. 5 | 2. 5 | 2. 3 | 2. 4 | 2. 4 | 2. 4 | 2. 3 | 2. 3 | 2. 3 | 2. 3 |



RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

| Period         | Motor Vehicles,<br>Tractors, etc. |                               |                           | Plant and Machinery     |                               |                           | Household<br>and Personal Goods (b) |                               |                           | Total (All Goods)       |                                |                           | Total<br>Balances<br>Outstanding<br>at end of<br>each period<br>(e) |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
|                | Agree-<br>ments<br>Made           | Total<br>Value of<br>Goods(c) | Amount<br>Financed<br>(d) | Agree-<br>ments<br>Made | Total<br>Value of<br>Goods(c) | Amount<br>Financed<br>(d) | Agree-<br>ments<br>Made             | Total<br>Value of<br>Goods(c) | Amount<br>Financed<br>(d) | Agree-<br>ments<br>Made | Total<br>Value of<br>Goods (c) | Amount<br>Financed<br>(d) |   |
|                | No.                               | £'000                         | £'000                     | No.                     | £'000                         | £'000                     | No.                                 | £'000                         | £'000                     | No.                     | £'000                          | £'000                     | £'000   |
| 1955-56        | 21,810                            | 14,644                        | 9,133                     | 821                     | 531                           | 334                       | 57,592                              | 4,484                         | 3,674                     | 80,223                  | 19,659                         | 13,141                    | 15,388  |
| 1956-57        | 20,790                            | 13,524                        | 8,325                     | 1,385                   | 963                           | 604                       | 60,417                              | 4,338                         | 3,523                     | 82,592                  | 18,825                         | 12,452                    | 15,488  |
| 1957-58        | 26,321                            | 18,176                        | 11,263                    | 1,829                   | 1,542                         | 1,081                     | 64,214                              | 4,811                         | 3,880                     | 92,364                  | 24,529                         | 16,224                    | 19,052  |
| 1958-59        | 26,998                            | 18,216                        | 11,264                    | 2,145                   | 1,782                         | 1,167                     | 51,842                              | 4,175                         | 3,347                     | 80,985                  | 24,173                         | 15,778                    | 20,779  |
| 1959-60        | 30,898                            | 22,123                        | 13,891                    | 2,811                   | 2,271                         | 1,435                     | 46,676                              | 5,196                         | 4,209                     | 80,385                  | 29,590                         | 19,535                    | 25,169  |
| 1959 - April   | 2,262                             | 1,598                         | 977                       | 274                     | 204                           | 129                       | 3,817                               | 313                           | 251                       | 6,353                   | 2,115                          | 1,357                     | 20,699  |
| May            | 2,178                             | 1,455                         | 896                       | 192                     | 123                           | 82                        | 3,833                               | 272                           | 221                       | 6,203                   | 1,850                          | 1,199                     | 20,818  |
| June           | 2,177                             | 1,412                         | 869                       | 131                     | 77                            | 52                        | 3,200                               | 263                           | 210                       | 5,508                   | 1,752                          | 1,131                     | 20,779  |
| July           | 2,213                             | 1,562                         | 952                       | 139                     | 97                            | 63                        | 3,374                               | 297                           | 232                       | 5,726                   | 1,956                          | 1,247                     | 20,878  |
| August         | 2,282                             | 1,641                         | 1,026                     | 132                     | 87                            | 61                        | 3,660                               | 284                           | 229                       | 6,074                   | 2,012                          | 1,316                     | 21,107  |
| September      | 2,446                             | 1,596                         | 1,002                     | 174                     | 145                           | 89                        | 3,790                               | 360                           | 292                       | 6,410                   | 2,101                          | 1,383                     | 21,407  |
| October        | 2,620                             | 1,822                         | 1,154                     | 354                     | 352                           | 223                       | 3,663                               | 356                           | 288                       | 6,637                   | 2,530                          | 1,665                     | 21,991  |
| November       | 2,687                             | 1,987                         | 1,231                     | 445                     | 534                           | 335                       | 3,871                               | 427                           | 344                       | 7,003                   | 2,948                          | 1,910                     | 22,892  |
| December       | 2,889                             | 2,165                         | 1,360                     | 221                     | 224                           | 138                       | 4,709                               | 461                           | 368                       | 7,819                   | 2,850                          | 1,866                     | 23,633  |
| 1960 - January | 2,556                             | 1,602                         | 1,011                     | 152                     | 109                           | 67                        | 3,831                               | 486                           | 385                       | 6,539                   | 2,197                          | 1,463                     | 23,716  |
| February       | 2,539                             | 1,756                         | 1,102                     | 181                     | 126                           | 82                        | 3,410                               | 456                           | 363                       | 6,130                   | 2,338                          | 1,547                     | 22,865  |
| March          | 2,784                             | 2,013                         | 1,248                     | 263                     | 155                           | 98                        | 4,234                               | 582                           | 462                       | 7,281                   | 2,750                          | 1,808                     | 23,279  |
| April          | 2,533                             | 1,899                         | 1,210                     | 293                     | 156                           | 96                        | 3,245                               | 397                           | 334                       | 6,071                   | 2,452                          | 1,640                     | 23,687  |
| May            | 2,708                             | 1,969                         | 1,238                     | 262                     | 161                           | 101                       | 4,569                               | 553                           | 463                       | 7,539                   | 2,683                          | 1,802                     | 24,430  |
| June           | 2,641                             | 2,111                         | 1,357                     | 195                     | 125                           | 82                        | 4,320                               | 537                           | 449                       | 7,156                   | 2,773                          | 1,888                     | 25,169  |
| July           | 2,368                             | 1,794                         | 1,124                     | 188                     | 137                           | 89                        | 4,105                               | 468                           | 388                       | 6,661                   | 2,399                          | 1,601                     | 25,852  |
| August         | 2,588                             | 1,914                         | 1,200                     | 178                     | 126                           | 87                        | 3,835                               | 539                           | 457                       | 6,601                   | 2,579                          | 1,744                     | 26,397  |
| September      | 2,670                             | 1,962                         | 1,269                     | 289                     | 228                           | 151                       | 3,775                               | 465                           | 385                       | 6,734                   | 2,655                          | 1,805                     | 26,602  |
| October        | 2,661                             | 2,126                         | 1,341                     | 487                     | 571                           | 367                       | 3,759                               | 470                           | 382                       | 6,907                   | 3,167                          | 2,090                     | 27,316  |
| November       | 2,754                             | 2,235                         | 1,419                     | 465                     | 494                           | 322                       | 3,680                               | 485                           | 396                       | 6,899                   | 3,214                          | 2,137                     | 28,438  |
| December       | 1,766                             | 1,403                         | 867                       | 215                     | 191                           | 117                       | 4,094                               | 509                           | 428                       | 6,075                   | 2,103                          | 1,412                     | 29,161  |
| 1961 - January | 1,846                             | 1,406                         | 891                       | 104                     | 73                            | 43                        | 3,418                               | 406                           | 332                       | 5,368                   | 1,885                          | 1,266                     | 29,436*   |
| February       | 1,628                             | 1,232                         | 754                       | 193                     | 232                           | 135                       | 2,929                               | 353                           | 288                       | 4,750                   | 1,817                          | 1,177                     | 27,726*   |
| March          | 1,966                             | 1,675                         | 953                       | 254                     | 207                           | 125                       | 2,670                               | 337                           | 275                       | 4,890                   | 2,219                          | 1,353                     | 27,584*   |
| April          |                                   |                               |                           |                         |                               |                           |                                     |                               |                           |                         |                                |                           | 27,122  |

Not yet available

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance. \* Revised.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

| Period<br>(a) | Groceries | Butchers'<br>Meat | Other<br>Food-<br>Stuffs,<br>Soft<br>Drinks | Beer,<br>Wine<br>and<br>Spirits | Clothing,<br>Drapery,<br>Soft<br>Furnishings | Foot-<br>wear | Hardware,<br>China and<br>Glass-<br>ware(b) | Elect-<br>rical<br>Goods<br>Pianos,<br>etc. | Furniture,<br>Floor<br>Coverings,<br>Mattresses | Chem-<br>ists'<br>Goods | News-<br>papers<br>Books,<br>Station-<br>ery | Other<br>Goods<br>(c) | Total<br>(excl.<br>Motor<br>Vehicles,<br>etc.) | Motor Veh-<br>icles, Trac-<br>tors, Parts,<br>Petrol, etc.<br>(d) |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------|---|---|---|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|---|
| 1952-53       | 20.7      | 8.2               | 13.7  | 14.4                            | 20.5   | 3.6           | 9.3   | 6.1   | 5.2   | 3.2                     | 3.3  | 18.2                  | 126.4  | 37.3  |
| 1956-57       | 26.2      | 11.3              | 18.6  | 17.6                            | 24.2   | 3.9           | 10.1  | 7.5   | 6.1   | 4.6                     | 4.4  | 21.3                  | 155.8  | 49.3  |
| 1957-58       | 27.4      | 12.0              | 19.4  | 19.5                            | 28.6(e)                                      | (e)           | 10.1  | 8.2   | 6.5   | (f)                     | (f)  | 31.8(f)               | 163.5  | 56.3  |
| 1958-59       | 28.7      | 11.1              | 19.4  | 18.4                            | 25.1   | 4.3           | 10.7  | 8.7   | 6.5   | 5.6                     | 4.7  | 21.2                  | 164.4  | 54.7  |
| 1959-60       | 30.9      | 11.6              | 21.3  | 18.9                            | 27.4   | 4.7           | 11.9  | 13.4  | 7.6   | 5.9                     | 5.0  | 22.6                  | 181.2  | 65.3  |
| Sept. Qr.     |           |                   |   |                                 |  |               |   |   |   |                         |  |                       |  |   |
| 1956          | 6.6       | 2.9               | 4.4   | 3.8                             | 6.6(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.4   | 1.6   | 1.5   | (f)                     | (f)  | 6.6(f)                | 36.4   | 11.5  |
| 1957          | 6.6       | 3.1               | 4.5   | 4.2                             | 6.7(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.5   | 1.9   | 1.6   | (f)                     | (f)  | 7.0(f)                | 38.1   | 13.6  |
| 1958          | 7.0       | 2.8               | 4.5   | 4.0                             | 6.0  | 1.0           | 2.5   | 1.9   | 1.6   | 1.3                     | 1.1  | 4.4                   | 38.1   | 12.9  |
| 1959          | 7.5       | 2.9               | 4.9   | 4.2                             | 6.3  | 1.1           | 2.7   | 2.4   | 1.7   | 1.4                     | 1.1  | 4.5                   | 40.7   | 14.6  |
| 1960          | 7.8       | 3.0               | 5.2   | 4.3                             | 6.8  | 1.2           | 3.0   | 3.7   | 2.1   | 1.6                     | 1.1  | 4.9                   | 44.7   | 17.9  |
| Dec. Qr.      |           |                   |   |                                 |  |               |   |   |   |                         |  |                       |  |   |
| 1956          | 6.7       | 2.8               | 4.8   | 4.7                             | 8.2(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.7   | 2.3   | 1.6   | (f)                     | (f)  | 7.8(f)                | 41.6   | 12.5  |
| 1957          | 7.2       | 3.0               | 5.0   | 5.3                             | 8.5(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.9   | 2.6   | 1.8   | (f)                     | (f)  | 8.1(f)                | 44.4   | 14.7  |
| 1958          | 7.6       | 2.7               | 5.0   | 5.2                             | 7.2  | 1.2           | 3.0   | 2.9   | 1.8   | 1.5                     | 1.3  | 5.2                   | 44.6   | 14.0  |
| 1959          | 8.0       | 2.9               | 5.5   | 5.2                             | 7.8  | 1.3           | 3.3   | 3.6   | 2.0   | 1.6                     | 1.4  | 5.5                   | 48.1   | 16.8  |
| 1960          | 8.8       | 3.1               | 5.8   | 5.7                             | 8.0  | 1.4           | 3.6   | 4.0   | 2.2   | 1.8                     | 1.4  | 5.8                   | 51.6   | 18.4  |
| March Qr.     |           |                   |   |                                 |  |               |   |   |   |                         |  |                       |  |   |
| 1956          | 6.4       | 2.6               | 4.8   | 4.6                             | 5.8(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.3   | 2.1   | 1.4   | (f)                     | (f)  | 7.8(f)                | 37.8   | 12.7  |
| 1957          | 6.3       | 2.7               | 4.7   | 4.9                             | 6.0(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.4   | 1.8   | 1.5   | (f)                     | (f)  | 8.1(f)                | 38.4   | 12.1  |
| 1958          | 6.7       | 2.9               | 5.0   | 5.4                             | 6.0(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.4   | 2.0   | 1.5   | (f)                     | (f)  | 8.5(f)                | 40.4   | 14.0  |
| 1959          | 7.0       | 2.7               | 5.2   | 5.0                             | 5.1  | 0.9           | 2.6   | 2.0   | 1.5   | 1.3                     | 1.2  | 5.5                   | 40.0   | 13.7  |
| 1960          | 7.5       | 2.8               | 5.7   | 5.1                             | 6.0  | 1.0           | 2.9   | 3.5   | 1.9   | 1.4                     | 1.3  | 6.3                   | 45.4   | 16.4  |
| 1961          | (g)       | (g)               | (g)   | (g)                             | (g)  | (g)           | (g)   | (g)   | (g)   | (g)                     | (g)  | (g)                   | 47.2   | (g)   |
| June Qr.      |           |                   |   |                                 |  |               |   |   |   |                         |  |                       |  |   |
| 1956          | 6.7       | 2.8               | 4.3   | 3.7                             | 7.3(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.5   | 1.5   | 1.4   | (f)                     | (f)  | 7.5(f)                | 37.7   | 11.1  |
| 1957          | 6.6       | 2.9               | 4.7   | 4.2                             | 7.3(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.6   | 1.8   | 1.5   | (f)                     | (f)  | 7.8(f)                | 39.4   | 13.2  |
| 1958          | 6.9       | 3.0               | 4.9   | 4.6                             | 7.4(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.3   | 1.7   | 1.6   | (f)                     | (f)  | 8.2(f)                | 40.6   | 14.0  |
| 1959          | 7.1       | 2.9               | 4.7   | 4.2                             | 6.8  | 1.2           | 2.6   | 1.9   | 1.6   | 1.5                     | 1.1  | 6.1                   | 41.7   | 14.1  |
| 1960          | 7.9       | 3.0               | 5.2   | 4.4                             | 7.3  | 1.3           | 3.0   | 3.9   | 2.0   | 1.5                     | 1.2  | 6.3                   | 47.0   | 17.5  |

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

| Item  | Unit                | APRIL  |        | Ten Months ended<br>APRIL |         |
|---|---------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------|---------|
|   |                     | 1961   | 1960   | 1961                      | 1960    |
| <u>Building Materials, etc.</u>                             |                     |        |        |                           |         |
| Bath Heaters - solid fuel                                   | number              | 426    | 482    | 4,325                     | 4,492   |
| Bricks - Clay (a)   | '000                | 7,446  | 7,812  | 88,022                    | 82,546  |
| Fibrous Plaster Sheets                                      | '000 sq. yds.       | 101    | 135    | 1,237                     | 1,203   |
| Lime (Quicklime)  | ton                 | 2,149  | 1,747  | 23,333                    | 19,723  |
| Ready Mixed Paints and<br>Enamels excluding<br>Water Paints | gallon              | 25,208 | 27,841 | 313,289                   | 309,111 |
| Tiles, Roofing - Cement                                     | '000                | 253    | 456    | 3,456                     | 4,725   |
| Timber - Sawn (from<br>Local Logs) (b)                      | '000 sup. ft.       | 12,103 | 11,358 | 156,152                   | 167,595 |
| <u>Clothing</u>   |                     |        |        |                           |         |
| Blazers - Men's and Boys'                                   | number              | 1,113  | 1,336  | 10,473                    | 9,454   |
| Pyjamas, Woven - Men's<br>and Boys'                         | dozen               | 1,282  | 906    | 10,727                    | 9,988   |
| Shirts (all types) - Men's<br>and Boys'                     | "                   | 4,849  | 4,072  | 47,394                    | 51,035  |
| Suits - Men's - 3 piece                                     | number              | 6      | 30     | 156                       | 478     |
| - 2 piece   | "                   | 1,370  | 1,477  | 15,379                    | 14,168  |
| Trousers - Men's - Sport                                    | "                   | 6,896  | 5,930  | 71,227                    | 62,572  |
| - Work  | "                   | 14,622 | 13,924 | 137,766                   | 155,129 |
| <u>Footwear</u>   |                     |        |        |                           |         |
| Boots, Shoes and Sandals<br>(all types)                     | pair                | 32,057 | 54,267 | 504,906                   | 496,754 |
| Slippers  | "                   | 10,497 | 12,693 | 111,741                   | 138,234 |
| <u>Food and Drink</u>                                       |                     |        |        |                           |         |
| Aerated Waters  | '000 gallons        | 195    | 267    | 4,701                     | 3,987   |
| Cordials and Syrups   | gallon              | 9,439  | 11,128 | 237,896                   | 178,480 |
| Bacon and Ham   | '000 lb.            | 559    | 511    | 5,738                     | 5,711   |
| Butter  | "                   | 334    | 359    | 14,306                    | 14,123  |
| Cheese  | "                   | 120    | 74     | 2,464                     | 2,796   |
| <u>Miscellaneous</u>  |                     |        |        |                           |         |
| Acid - Acetic   | cwt.                | 740    | 501    | 6,080                     | 5,993   |
| - Sulphuric   | ton                 | 27,825 | 25,635 | 195,845                   | 184,250 |
| Coal  | "                   | 40,031 | 58,409 | 606,939                   | 731,679 |
| Electricity Generated                                       | '000 kwh.           | 79,198 | 73,520 | 855,859                   | 759,145 |
| Gas Produced  | million<br>cub. ft. | 119    | 118    | 1,191                     | 1,165   |
| Mattresses - Soft Filled(c)                                 | number              | 1,977  | 2,576  | 26,023                    | 29,747  |
| Pig Iron  | ton                 | 4,160  | 4,040  | 43,533                    | 38,296  |
| Superphosphate  | "                   | 80,549 | 69,088 | 535,827                   | 508,151 |
| Wool - Scoured  | '000 lb.            | 2,153  | 2,581  | 24,977                    | 28,100  |

(a) Standard size.

(b) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(c) Including mattresses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge.

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